



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

Tuesday, March 06, 2007

 Club Web Site

Editor: Art Harrington
If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

Future Speakers

Mar 8 2007

Dean Lott

"Burglary Protection"

Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 pm

Mar 6 2007

Burro BBQ

Apr 21 2007

Installation of Officers

Jun 29 2007

Club Christmas Party

Dec 7 2007

News

Quote of the Week - Who Said It?

Thought for the Week - Who Said It?

This eBulletin has been generated with the **ClubRunner** club communication software. Visit clubrunner.ca for more details.

© 2002-05 Doxess. All Rights Reserved.

ClubRunner Sponsors

This site powered by **ClubRunner**
Website * eBulletin * Membership
Free Trial for Clubs

DOXESS
Innovative Web Solutions

Please visit our Sponsors.
To place your ad [click here](#).

Community Park renovation

by Art Harrington

Kelly's letter to the city

February 24, 2007

Mayor and City Council:

The Rotary Club of Bullhead City would like to express our support for your efforts to replace the old wood Rotary Club Ramada in Community Park. It was almost thirty years ago that the Bullhead City Rotary Club built this structure, using donated materials, equipment and volunteers. It has been the home to our annual Burro Bar-B-Q, which is the oldest and largest continual celebration in Mohave County, and has grown by leaps and bounds since its origin in 1950.

Originally the main fare of this community event was barbequed wild burros, and the event featured burro races down Main Street, a burro baseball game, and a burro balloon contest. Due to state and federal regulations protecting wild animals and, secondly and more importantly, because we realized we couldn't honor an animal who played such a vital role in the settlement of this area, and then serve him for dinner, we now barbeque beef. The current event's family activities, live entertainment and, of course, food and drink, attract thousands of area-wide residents and visitors. Numerous vendors attend to sell their wares. All proceeds from the event benefit local youth scholarship programs and funding of community improvement projects.

Over the years, the Rotary Club has built park facilities, such as Rotary Park's skate park and soccer field, and Community Park's ramada, boat ramp and Chamber of Commerce building. In fact, the Rotary Club installed the first grass at Community Park. We fully support the City's efforts to partner with Arizona State Parks, using Local, Regional and State Parks Heritage Funds for outdoor recreation projects, such as the proposed Community Park Renovation project.

Sincerely,

Kelly Burgess

Rotary Club of Bullhead City

President 2006/2007

District Conference

by Art Harrington



Are you going with us?

The count continues to rise of Bullhead City



Rotary members and spouses who are planning to go with us to the District Conference in Flagstaff, May 18-19.

If you have not yet contacted Terry Morgridge, letting him know you want one of the blocked rooms adjacent to our hospitality suite, *do so immediately*. The number is definitely limited in that block. However, Little America still has plenty of rooms you can reserve elsewhere in the hotel.

2007 Burro Sheet advertising

by Art Harrington

Help us secure Burro Sheet ads



Your help is needed! These ads must be submitted by March 22.

Paul Stubler is heading up our 2007 Rotary Burro BBQ Burro Sheet ad sales this year. Ads can be faxed to him at 763-7850. His phone number is 763-2505, if you have any questions.

Here's the info again on the ad sizes and prices:

- Full page (9 5/8 x 11) \$350 (4-color process add \$250; 2-color add \$100)
- Half page (Hz. 9 5/8 x 5 1/2) \$250 (4-color, add \$125; 2-color add \$50)
- Half page (Vert. 4 5/8 x 11) \$250 (4-color, add \$125; 2-color add \$50)
- 1/4 page (4 5/8 x 5 1/2) \$150
- 1/4 page (4 5/8 x 2 3/4) \$75
- Business Card \$50

Remember that this is where we make the real money on the Burro BBQ each year.

Rotary Peace Scholars

by Art Harrington



Building a new Sudan

Meet Rotary World Peace Fellow Susan Stigant.

Coming from Penticton, British Columbia, Canada, she was a 2005 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which shares a Rotary Center for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution with Duke University. Her Masters thesis dealt with the political conflicts and potential peace and establishment of a democracy within Sudan, the largest country on the African continent.

Fittingly, Susan now works for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), a U.S. group that supports democratic practices around the world. Her assignment: Help Sudan get back on its feet and work with the government of South Sudan in drafting its first constitution.

That is no small task. After 21 years of bitter and devastating civil war primarily between the Muslims in the north and the Christians and Animists in the south, in 2005 the Sudan government signed a peace agreement with the rebels in the south, granting autonomy to the south.

While violence still rages in some regions, such as the western province of Darfur, the peace agreement is still in place for most of the country. Millions of Sudanese within the country have yet to benefit from that agreement. The process of developing a functioning democracy can be slow and difficult.

Susan is based in Juba, Sudan, and Nairobi, Kenya. She works with other national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to help Sudanese officials understand the legal framework of the peace agreement and the South Sudan constitution.

Part of her role is helping to educate the public via radio programs and listening groups to understand democratic principles and how a democracy actually works.

Susan says, "It's the people I work with who keep me going - and seeing that the work you're doing has incredible impact." She sees an amazing correlation between her Rotary peace studies and her work in Sudan. "I realized that this work was the same thing that was scattered over my dorm room floor as I was writing my thesis," she says. "It is really satisfying to see that it wasn't just a thesis, but knowledge and understanding that I can contribute to helping people."

Life is not easy or comfortable for Susan these days. She sleeps on a military cot in a small tent in Juba, and she has already experienced one bout of malaria. But she believes in the nature of what she is doing, and she keeps going. "I find the politics of it fascinating," she says, "watching a country go through the process of setting up a government."

Does our Rotary Foundation investment in these scholarships pay off? You bet it does - in situations like this in countries around the world. Rotary is having an undeniable impact.

-- adapted from an article by Joseph Derr, Rotary International News

New TRF requirement
by Art Harrington

Scholar Orientation Seminars now required



Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars are now mandatory for all recipients of our Rotary Foundation's grants. Included are Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary World Peace Scholars

and University Teachers receiving grants to teach in developing countries.

By instituting these required regional seminars, our Foundation is determined to insure that these Foundation-supported scholars will have the very best preparation possible, and assuring the success and effectiveness of their Rotary experience. In fact, the Foundation subsidizes these regional scholar orientation seminars that are scheduled around the world.

The comprehensive and inspirational seminar program explains to the grantees what is expected of them before, during and after their grant period. The participants also gain a much greater understanding of Rotary International and the programs of our Rotary Foundation.